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SUBJ: FMS CREDIT

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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I REFER TO PENULTIMATE AND FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 2 REFTEL REGARDING FMS CREDIT FOR AIRCRAFT PURCHASE AND TRI-SERVICE NEEDS. DURING MY ABSENCE EMBASSY RECEIVED THREE LETTERS FROM MINDEFENSE RAVENNA, ALL OF THEM RELATING TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT PURCHASE, AND REFLECTING CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION WITH CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. IT WAS PRECISELY IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS ATTITUDE WHICH HAS CLEARLY BEEN BUILDING UP FOR SOME TIME THAT I SOUGHT TO OBTAIN SUPPORT IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR INCREASED FMS CREDIT TO TERMINATE THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE THIS YEAR AND ATTEND MORE ADEQUATELY TO NORMAL TRI-SERVICE NEEDS. THESE LETTERS NOW DEMONSTRATE THE NEED PROMPTLY TO TAKE SOME ACTION IN THIS AREA. I NEED NOT EMPHASIZE TO YOU OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASPECTS OF THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE WHICH HAVE QUITE LEGITIMATELY CAUSED URUGUAYAN DISSATISFACTION AS WELL AS OTHER BURDENS UNDER WHICH WE WORK, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO A NUMBER OF LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS ON THE MAP PROGRAM. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU FULLY APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY.

2. SINCE I MUST PROMPTLY DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS RAISED IN MINISTER RAVENNA'S LETTERS, I INTEND TO ASK HIM TO LUNCH FOR A THOROUGH AIRING

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OF THE ISSUES EARLY NEXT WEEK. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF I

COULD BE ABLE AT THAT TIME TO TELL HIM OF OUR INTENTION
SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASE FMS CREDIT. I URGE PROMPT APPROVAL OF THE
INCREASED CREDIT WHICH I PROPOSED IN WASHINGTON. IF FINAL APPROVAL
CANNOT BE OBTAINED BEFORE MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK, I WOULD
APPRECIATE AT LEAST A STATUS REPORT, HOPEFULLY A FAVORABLE ONE.
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